

Unholy Trinity Workshops Descriptions and Locations

Friday, April 21: 2:00-3:15 pm; 3:30-4:45 pm

(revised April 18)

Working with Communities Healing from Trauma *(President's Dining Room)*

Led by the Rev. Carol Reese

Attendees will gain an understanding of those who have a life history of trauma and the concomitant health and mental health implications of multiple exposures to trauma. Using anecdotal and quantitative data from our experience in Chicago, this presentation will explore the ways in which developmental trauma, structural violence, and chronic adversity perpetuate the risk for violence and community trauma.

The workshop will also describe promising approaches to trauma-informed intervention with youth affected by community violence. Data suggests that access to trauma-informed violence intervention services promotes trauma recovery and reduces the likelihood of re-injury, retaliation, and criminal justice system involvement.

Working with the Bible *(Room 208)*

Led by Dr. Dora R. Mbuwayesango

The workshop will offer an analysis of the theoretical and methodological scaffolding of contextual Bible study. Contextual Bible study, practiced across the Anglican Communion, is a method of reading the bible collaboratively and critically from the perspective of poor and marginalized communities with the intent of fostering individual and social transformation.

One of the contextual Bible studies used at this conference may be analyzed to identify the different components of it. This analysis is aimed at equipping persons with the skills to construct Bible studies for their respective communities. If time allows, participants will be given chance to begin to develop contextual Bible studies for their communities and contexts.

Working with the Movement for Black Lives *(Room 303)*

Led by Damon A. Williams

Across the country, police-involved shootings of people of color are galvanizing new movements against the intersection of poverty, racism and gun violence. In response, activists and organizers in communities of color are building coalitions against the militarization of policing and in favor of policy solutions that can change the culture of policing. In this workshop, Damon A. Williams of Chicago's Black Youth Project 100 and Let Us Breathe Collective will discuss how religious communities can be allies to the Movement for Black Lives.

Working with Community Policing and Citizen Advisory Committees

Led by Seth Stoughton

THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Working with Legislators: Episcopal Peace Fellowship *(Common Room – Room 350)*

Led by the Rev. Allison Liles

This workshop will follow the Episcopal Peace Fellowship motto Pray-Study-Act. After opening in prayer the workshop presenters will move directly into the study portion to educate attendees about gun law reform. The workshop will thoroughly explain the legislative language used most often when talking about the myriad of gun laws, legislation that's been passed in recent years around the country, the pros and cons of those gun laws and the theological reasons why Christians are called to act. Finally the workshop will conclude with lobbying training, equipping those present with the tools needed to act for legislative change both locally and nationally. We will provide tips on how to best communicate with one's legislators as well how to best work for change.

Working with Community Organizing Campaigns *(Room 206)*

Led by the Rev. Jay Risk and DiAne Boese

This workshop will describe the difference between Organizing and Activism; the work of the "Do Not Stand Idly By" national campaign to reduce gun violence and its successes; and provide information for participants to engage political and economic power to reduce gun violence. The presenters are leaders in Metro IAF/United Power and the campaign "Do Not Stand Idly By."

Working with Communities in the Aftermath of Mass Shootings *(Room 201)*

Led by the Rev. Scott Russell

Fr. Scott Russell was the Episcopal Chaplain at Virginia Tech when the unthinkable happened. On the morning of April 16, 2007, a student took the lives of 28 fellow students, four professors, and his own, changing the campus and that small university town forever. Fr. Russell will reflect on the Virginia Tech tragedy itself but also speak generally about how communities recover after such tragedies.

Working with the Media: Canticle Communications *(Room 205)*

Led by Rebecca Wilson and Jim Naughton

In this workshop we will learn to think like editors and reporters, the better to understand how to catch a journalist's eye. Using numerous real-life examples, we will talk about how decisions regarding news coverage get made, how to make yourself valuable to the media and how to build trust with producers, reporters and editors. The presenters are Jim Naughton, a former reporter with The New York Times and The Washington Post, and Rebecca Wilson, who has worked on a variety of local and regional tax issues, advocacy campaigns, and public sector initiatives. They are the partners in Canticle Communications.

Working with Evangelical Christians *(Room 340)*

Led by the Rev. Rob Schenck and Lucy McBath

Evangelicals are a force in American religion, politics, and culture. They are present everywhere, even in progressive churches. Evangelicals also constitute a sector of the population most supportive of gun rights and most likely to own or have access to a firearm. The NRA is aggressively recruiting evangelicals. Yet, many evangelicals harbor doubts about the morality of gun use for defensive purposes. There are ways to enlist evangelicals in the pursuit of common sense gun safety. In this workshop, we'll discuss ways to effectively engage evangelicals on this critical question.

Working with Youth: B-Peace for Jorge (Diocese of Massachusetts) *(Room 207)*

Led by the Rev. Liz Steinhauser

Using community organizing tools such as relationship-building, issue-identification, strategic-thinking, and action-taking, leaders from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts tell the story of creating the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign. Over the past four years, this effort has engaged hundreds of Episcopalians in addressing the root causes of violence. Leaders have increased state-funding for youth employment, created partnerships with public schools, and helped pass state gun legislation. B-PEACE book groups have expanded the knowledge and conversations among Episcopalians of the ways inequities of race and class impact how gun violence is experienced in Eastern Massachusetts. This session will offer some training on community organizing techniques and offer B-PEACE as a model that can be adapted and used elsewhere.

Working with Heeding God's Call - A Faith-based Approach to Preventing Gun Violence *(East Wing Conference Room)*

Led by Bryan Miller

Philadelphia-based Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence uses numerous activities to get people and bodies of faith to 'live their faith on their feet' and become activists to prevent gun violence. The interfaith and grassroots organization uses faithful public action to persuade gun dealers to eschew selling to those who would put guns on the street. Heeding also hosts interfaith witnesses at gun murder sites to embrace local faith communities. Heeding's Memorial to the Lost tee-shirt memorials honor victims, inspire volunteers and viewers and educate the public about the illegal gun trade. Workshop participants will take home ways to engage, inspire and motivate local congregations to seek change.